

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 6, 2011

Chairman Lloyd Lutter called the meeting to order with Commissioners, Ronald W. Petersen and Donita Loudner present; none absent.

Dave Wientz, Quoin Financial Bank Insurance Agent, explained a new health insurance proposal which would incorporate a Transamerica insurance plan with the current Wellmark BCBS policy. After discussion, Loudner moved to change the Wellmark BCBS Insurance Policy deductible from \$750 to \$2,500 and to adopt the Transamerica Insurance plan effective October 1, 2011, seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Petersen moved to change the starting wages for Full Time and Part Time Highway workers from \$9.50 per hour and \$8.50 per hour respectively to \$12.00 per hour effective September 2011, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

After reviewing two applications for a full time Highway worker position, the Highway Superintendent indicated Kimberly Johnson will fill the full time position. Andrew Zastrow will continue to work part time.

Jim Anderson requested a road be constructed to a new house site. The house has been set on a permanent foundation with utilities. As the road would not be on a section line, the Board indicated the County would not be able to do it at this time.

Russ Willman met with the Board and asked if there were any changes to the Board's decision regarding the removal of wire gates by the cattle guards on 233rd Street west of Highway 45. Wayne Willman and Russell Willman filed a Notice of Appeal to the Circuit Court of Buffalo County, SD, First Judicial Circuit Court regarding the Board's prior decision. Due to this action, the Board declined to discuss or take any further action regarding this matter. Mr. Willman's lawyer requested the Notice of Appeal and his letter be made a permanent record of the commission meeting.

Petersen moved to go into Executive Session for legal matters at 1:33 P.M., seconded by Loudner, motion carried, with all voting aye. Loudner moved to reconvene into regular session at 2:00 P.M., seconded by Petersen, motion carried, with all voting aye.

The Board reviewed propane bids at 2:00 P.M. as published. Bob's Gas Inc., Miller, SD, bid \$1.85 per gal. Farmers Alliance, Mitchell, SD, bid \$1.79 per gal. Petersen moved to accept the lower bid from Farmers Alliance for \$1.79 per gal. for the 2011-2012 heating season ending April 30, 2012, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Since the County Commission Board is under litigation, Chairman Lutter stated that no driveways off of section lines will be maintained at this time.

Highway Superintendent Ken Wulff requested approval of hiring gravel hauling on the Shelby Road and 355 Avenue. Two quotes were received. Luke Construction – \$4 per Ton = \$1200 per mile laid on road; Bull It Angus – \$500 per mile NTE 10 miles. Petersen moved to accept quote from Bull It Angus, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

The Commission Board agreed to continue with construction repairs to 224 Street.

Rod Larsen requested approval for a road improvement with culverts and grading on a county border section line along south side of Sec. 34 in Twp 106 R 69. He indicated R & J Construction would do the work at a cost

of \$17,500. Brule County Union Township would pay half. Mr. Larsen would provide the gravel. Loudner moved to approve the section line upgrade, seconded by Petersen, motion carried, with all voting aye. Petersen moved to approve cost of the project with a 60/40% cost share with Mr. Larsen with Buffalo County's share not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried. The landowner will do all future maintenance and replace culverts if and when needed and will request the Commissioner Board for any maintenance assistance.

Loudner moved to accept the fuel bid from Darrell's Oil, Inc. for unleaded gas @ \$3.67.3 per gal; Ethanol gas @ \$3.64.5 per gal; and Diesel #2 dyed @ \$3.48.3 per gal. delivered to Buffalo County fuel tanks for the month of September, seconded by Petersen, motion carried, with all voting aye.

Hospital Notices were reviewed. Petersen moved to reject a hospital bill due to no prior notices, application and no determination of payer of last resort, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried. Loudner moved to reject an application for poor relief due to insufficient paper work and determination of payer of last resort, seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

The Annual Budget for Buffalo County for the Year 2012 was discussed. Petersen moved to adopt the Annual Budget as presented in the Provisional Budget, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Loudner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Petersen, to meet Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 1:00 P.M.